THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The study is called CHIP (Childhood Poverty) in Rajasthan. This is an ongoing research project funded by DFID (Department for International Development), London. The CHIP Research and Policy Centre is a Collaborative venture between SC (Save the Children) UK (United Kingdom) and CPRC (Chronic Poverty Research Centre) led by Manchester University. The research study is taking place in four countries, India being one. In India, the study is led by IDS (Institute of Development Studies, Jaipur) and is conducted in four villages (two in Banswara and two in Tonk district) of Rajasthan. SC UK in India is overseeing the research work but the main coordination is done by SC CHIP Team based in London.

The objective of the study is to measure the factors that shape childhood poverty and gather evidence of inter generational transfer of poverty, factors that break poverty cycles and policies and strategies that are in place address childhood poverty. The study was commissioned in April 2002 and after the initial planning, the actual research work started from January 2003. The field research is still continuing and we hope to have the preliminary report by end of April, 2004.

An advisory committee has been set up that provides guidance and advice to the research work. The Advisory Committee have members that include representative from DWCD (Department of Women and Child), Rajasthan, UNICEF, Rajasthan and IIPA (Indian Institute of Public Administration), Delhi.

(c) Study on all-India basis would depend upon result of study called CHIP.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Export to China

2008. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export to China surged 100% during January-July, 2003; and

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the export items are raw materials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) India-China trade data for April-July 2003-04, compared to 2002-03 is as under:-

(US $ Million)

	2002-03	2003-04	% age growth
Export	469.94	616.18	31.12
Import	802.45	1119.57	39.52
Total	1272.39	1735.75	36.41

(Source : DGCI & S)

(b) Major items of India's exports to China are primary and semi-finished iron and steel, iron ore, plastic and linoleum products, other ores and minerals drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals, marine products, processed minerals, inorganic/organic/agro chemicals, cotton yarn, fabrics, made ups etc. and petroleum products.

Meeting with US Under secretary, Commerce

2009. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that US Administration has stated that India should drop trade in the recent meeting which was attended by US Under Secretary for Commerce; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

WTO draft agreement on Generic Drugs

2010. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance, has in its reaction to